Disaster Preparedness Quiz

(Courtesy of the Humane Society of the United States)

Are You Prepared? Find out by taking our test:

Imagine that a police officer knocks at your door. A tornado is quickly approaching, and you have 45 minutes to evacuate.

If You Have Pets:

- 1. Can you gather all your pets and put them into pet carriers in time? Do you have carriers for all your pets?
- 2. Are all your pets wearing collars and ID tags with their name, your name, your telephone number, and an emergency telephone number?
- 3. If your cat escapes the cat carrier and becomes lost, could you provide a photograph?
- 4. Do you know where you can go with your pets in the event of an emergency evacuation? Do you know of any pet-friendly motels nearby? Do you have a local animal shelter in your area?
- 5. Do you have your veterinarian's telephone number on your list of emergency numbers in case your dog or cat becomes ill?

If You Have Horses

- 1. Can you have your horses loaded on the trailer ready to leave in time? Will your horse trailer hold all your horses?
- 2. Is your horse wearing a halter with her name, your name, your telephone number, and an emergency telephone number on it?
- 3. Do you know where you can go with your horses in the event of an emergency evacuation? Do you have a local emergency equine shelter in your area?
- 4. Do you have your horses' Coggins tests in your emergency packet to present to the officer at the emergency shelter?
- 5. When you arrive at the emergency shelter to pick up your horse after several days, could you provide identification photos and descriptions from your emergency packet to prove ownership?

If You Have Farm Animals

- 1. Can you evacuate your animals in time?
- 2. Have you mapped out an evacuation route?
- 3. Do you have a safe place to shelter your animals on your property if you cannot evacuate them?
- 4. Do you have materials on hand to reinforce your barn and outbuildings?
- 5. Do you have a backup plan for feeding and watering your animals should your power supply be cut off?

If you answered "no" to any of these questions, we can help you. Read our disaster planning brochures, which will show you how to protect your animals when disaster strikes.